DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have no information and I shall enquire.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware that pilgrims who go to Sabarimala every year are put to very great difficulties on account of non-clearance, especially of this route No. 2?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has not come under our maintenance. I will enquire.

Idakad Market to Thundiyil Kadavu road.

472. *MR. K. A MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Idakad market to Thundiyil Kadavu road in Kuriannur, Tiruvalla taluk is in a very bad condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Chief Engineer will kindly look into the conditions of this road and assure himself whether it is in good condition or not?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will certainly look into it.

Alleppey-Quilon road.

473. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a ryots road has been constructed leading from Koottuvathukkal ferry in Puthupally to the Alleppey-Quilon road;

(*b*) whether they have received representations from the people of the locality surrendering the same to Government for maintenance; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action they have taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) A portion has been constructed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On account of prohibitive cost at the present time, the work has to lie over.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know when the representation was received?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have not got the dates.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: With respect to answer (*c*), may I know whether the Government have any idea of handing over the construction of the road to local Road Committees?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Construction will be undertaken by the Public Works Department but the work of maintenance will be handed over to the local Road Committees.

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MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government will take into consideration the assurance given by the members that they are prepared to take up the work on the present basis?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have absolutely no objection. As soon as the estimates are ready, they will be given to them. The last estimate was prepared about two years ago for Rs. 22,000. It will possibly cost about Rs. 33,000 at present. The road is only 1½ miles long.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to take up this road for maintenance at least next year.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is not in the budget I will have the estimates prepared.

Supply of drinking water to the Sabarimala pilgrims.

474. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that many pilgrims who assembled at Sabarimala during Makaravilakku were undergoing untold miseries for want of good drinking water;

(*b*) whether they are aware that most of the pilgrims use filthy water for cooking and drinking purposes for want of good drinking water;

(*c*) whether, as a result of using filthy water, many pilgrims, after return to their homes have contracted typhoid fever and have faced premature deaths;

(*d*) whether any investigation has ever been made into the possibility of supplying good drinking water and the result of such investigation; and

(*e*) the number of pilgrims who assembled at Sabarimala during the last Makaravilakku (1120) and the nadavaravu in that year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes; but found impracticable.

(*e*) Above 5 lakhs; Rs. 78,572 and odd respectively.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: With regard to (*a*) and (*b*) may I assure the honourable member that great difficulties are experienced by the pilgrims and in view to that fact that proper investigations may be conducted for making good water available?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will look into it.

Public Park in Alwaye.

475 *MR. M. K. MOHAMED (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is proposed to open a public park in Alwaye;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any particular area has been fixed upon for the purpose;

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